

THE CUBE MAXIMUM SECURITY PENITENTIARY.

SUPREME
INTELLIGENCE
OF THE KREE
EMPIRE. THIS IS
NOH-VARR...

I WAS AN
ENSIGN ABOARD THE
18TH KREE DIPLOMATIC
GESTALT INTERSTELLAR
SCHOONER CALLED
THE MARVEL.

I HAVE
TRAVELLED ACROSS
MILLIONS OF ALTERNATE
DIMENSIONS AND AM NOW
TRAPPED ON ONE OF THE
PLANET EARTHS.

AND I HAVE
NO IDEA
WHICH ONE.

I HAVE
DECLARED WAR
ON THE PLANET IN
THE NAME OF THE
KREE BUT I HAVE
BEEN CAPTURED
AS A PRISONER
OF WAR.

I HAVE BEEN
TORTURED MENTALLY
AND PHYSICALLY, BUT I
HAVE WRESTED CONTROL
OF THE ENTIRE PRISON
AND HAVE PUNISHED MY
CAPTORS FOR THE
DISHONOR.

CAN
YOU HEAR
ME?

SUPREME
INTELLIGENCE OF
THE KREE EMPIRE...
DO YOU KNOW I AM
HERE? DO YOU
EVEN KNOW WHO
I AM?

SEND
ME A
SIGN.

ANYTHING.





And there came a day, a day unlike any other, when Earth's Mightiest Heroes found themselves united against a common threat! On that day, the Avengers were born, to fight the foes no single super hero could withstand!

THE MIGHTY AVENGERS

The shape-shifting alien race known as the Skrulls has begun their invasion of Earth.

First they deployed a well-planned secret invasion using their shape-shifting ability to seed mistrust among the Avengers and other heroes around the world.

Now they have struck fast and hard. First coaxing both the sanctioned and underground Avengers to the faraway Savage Land to be hunted by Skrulls posing as their counterparts and long lost loved ones from an earlier time.

Meanwhile, Skrull agents all over the world put their plan into action... including sleeper agents who didn't even know they were Skrulls. One of those activated is the recently reincarnated Kree warrior Captain Marvell

Though one side of his mind is telling him to follow implanted orders from the Skrull Empire, another is awash with the false memories and feelings of a noble warrior, whose life was dedicated to protecting ours.

The time has come for him to make a choice.

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HE'S ALIVE?
MAR-VELL?

HE DIED A LEGEND
HERE BUT--

COULD IT BE A HUMAN
TRICK? COULD TONY
STARK HAVE DONE THIS?

IF IT IS HIM...
HE IS COMING
FOR ME?

ALIVE?
THE KREE
TRAITOR,
THE HUMAN
PROTECTOR.

HE'S ALIVE?
AND RETURNED
TO EARTH?

(IF IT'S HIM.)



BUT AS WHAT?
AN ALLY? A
COMPATRIOT? NO.

NO.

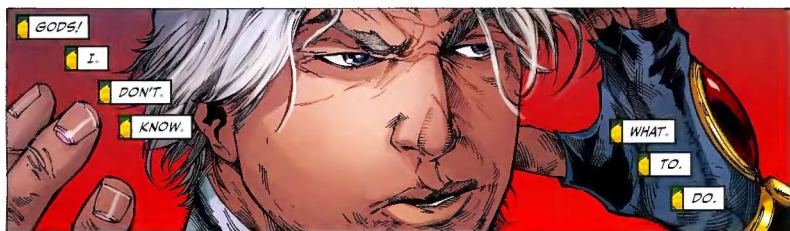
I DECLARED
WAR ON THIS
PLANET.

SHOULD I
EVEN BE HERE?
SHOULD I EVEN
HAVE DECLARED
WAR ON EARTH?

THE HUMANS...
THAT TONY STARK,
THAT REED RICHARDS...
THEY CAME HERE AND
DARED ME TO TAKE
THE MANTLE OF
CAPTAIN MARVEL.

TO BE
A HERO
TO THESE
PEOPLE.

I
LAUGHED
IN THEIR
FACES.



GODS!

I.

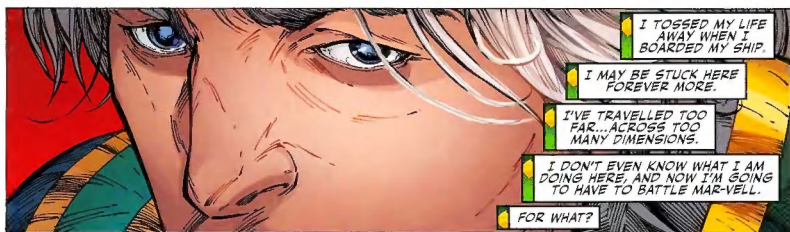
DON'T.

KNOW.

WHAT.

TO.

DO.



I TOSSED MY LIFE
AWAY WHEN I
BOARDED MY SHIP.

I MAY BE STUCK HERE
FOREVER MORE.

I'VE TRAVELLED TOO
FAR...ACROSS TOO
MANY DIMENSIONS.

I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT I AM
DOING HERE, AND NOW I'M GOING
TO HAVE TO BATTLE MAR-VELL.

FOR WHAT?



AND I DON'T
EVEN KNOW
WHAT MY--



**ALIEN VIRUS DETECTED.
ALIEN VIRUS DETECTED.
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I CAN'T
REMEMBER

WHAT.

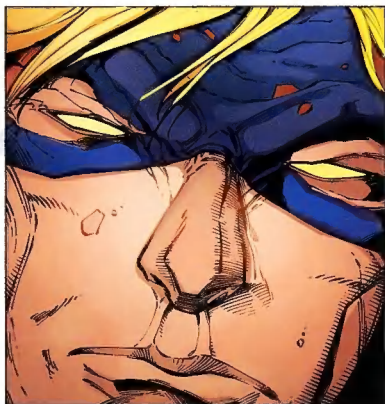
MAKES.

ME.

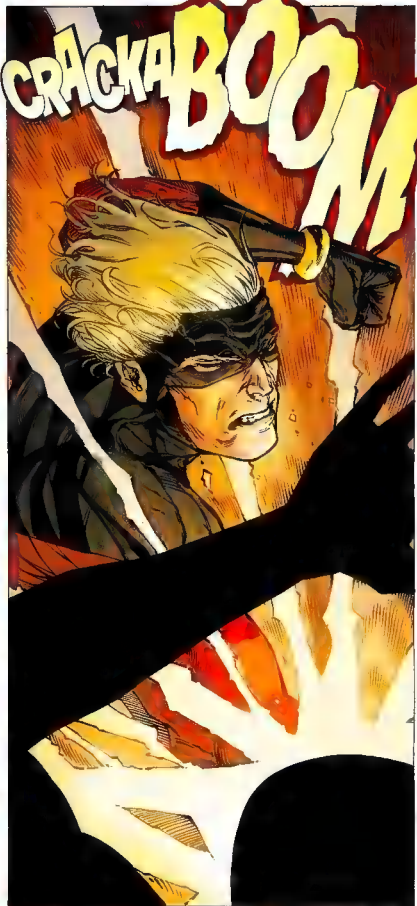


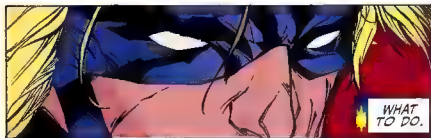
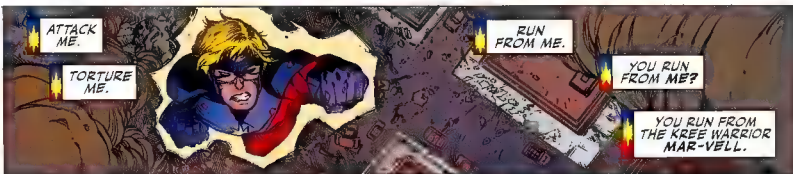


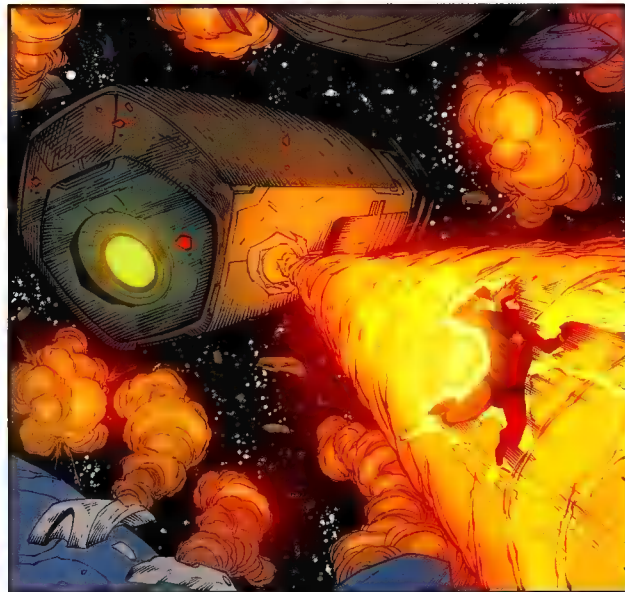
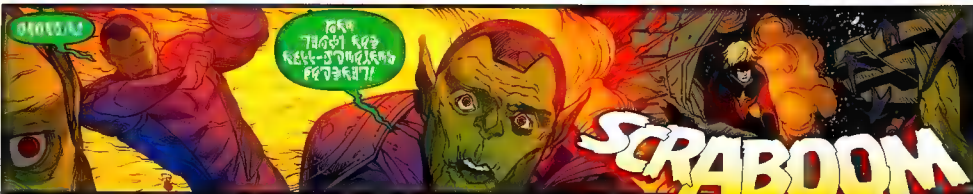
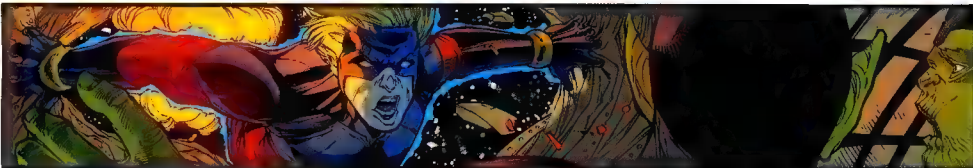


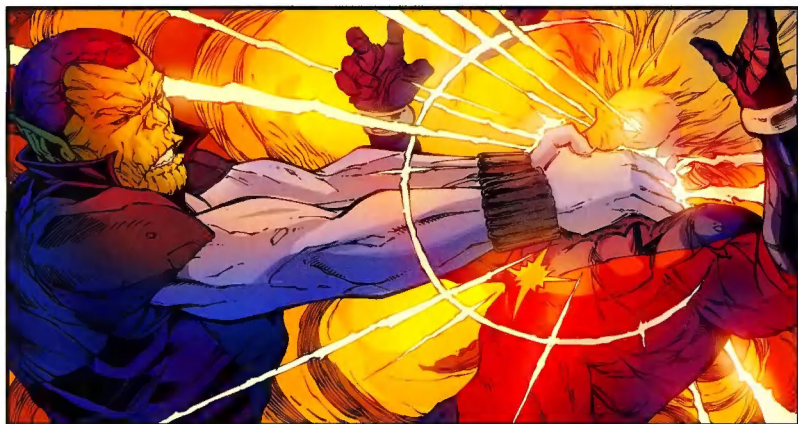














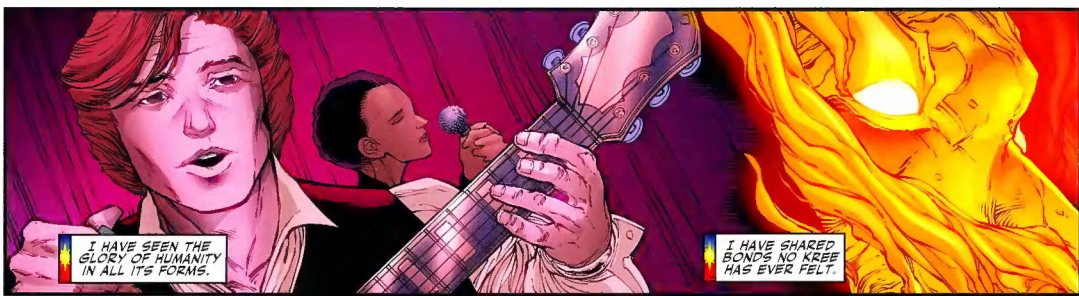


MAR-VELL WAS THE NAME I WAS GIVEN.



I HAVE PROTECTED THE EARTH FROM MANIA AND TREACHERY.

I HAVE FOUGHT ALONGSIDE ITS MIGHTIEST AVENGERS.



I HAVE SEEN THE GLORY OF HUMANITY IN ALL ITS FORMS.

I HAVE SHARED BONDS NO KREE HAS EVER FELT.



I HAVE SEEN THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE.

I KNOW ALL THERE IS OF LIFE AND DEATH.



MAR-VELL WAS THE NAME I WAS GIVEN.



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